

## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

### **I. Amendments to the Claims**

New claims 8 and 9 have been added. These new claims are supported by, at least, Figs. 2, 3 and 5, and paragraphs [0043], [0044] and [0047] of the publication of the present application.

### **II. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection**

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Cole et al. (U.S. 2003/0101645), JP11-56118, and Knablein et al. (U.S. 4,291,494).

This rejection is addressed in the Amendment filed on April 1, 2010. Further, this rejection is believed to be inapplicable to the new limitations recited in new claims 8 and 9.

Therefore, it is believed clear that claim 1 and claims 7-9 that depend therefrom would not have been obvious or result from any combination of Cole, JP11-56118 and Knablein.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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